

## TRACES ANCESTRY TO A BRITISH KING

Man in London Workhouse Claims He is Descendant of George II.

Grandson of Princess of Cumberland Demands Rights After Record of Misfortune.

London—The discovery in a London workhouse of a man who asserts he is a descendant of George II has revived interest in one of the romances of the royal family. The claimant is a man of about 60 years of age, named Augustus West, who has lately become an inmate of the Wandsworth infirmary.

West says he is a grandson of Mrs. Lavinia Ryves, who said she was Princess Lavinia of Cumberland. West has a clear recollection of the death of Princess Lavinia in 1871, for he was then article to a solicitor, but subsequently he took command of his father's publishing business in St. Martin's-le-Grand. Fortune, however, did not smile on him, and eventually he was driven to a registry office business in North London and afterward at Ealing and then at Balham. The death of his wife was the last affliction, and he soon sought refuge in the workhouse.

The Cumberland claim was first made in 1817, when a Mrs. Olive Serres alleged that she was the daughter of Henry, Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III. Her allegation was that her mother was the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Wilmot and that she was secretly married to the Duke of Cumberland in 1767. Mrs. Serres stated that she was brought up as a child of Robert Wilmot of Warwick, a house painter, and subsequently she married Dominic Serres, the famous marine painter, but separated from him. Later she was rechristened at Islington and was received at the Guildhall on the days reserved for royalty. The question was raised in the House of Commons, but the Government did not admit her claims and she died in 1854.

She left a daughter, Lavinia, who married a portrait painter named Ryves. This lady, who is the grandmother of West, called herself Princess Lavinia of Cumberland and Duchess of Lancaster, and in 1858 appealed to Queen Victoria and supported her claim with a number of documents. Subsequently there was considerable litigation and some men urged the genuineness of her case and of the documents which she produced. She died at Haverstock Hill in 1871, having lived the end of her days there supported by a small pension granted by the Royal Academy in recognition of her father's eminence as an artist.

## BURNS HERSELF TO DEATH TO KEEP FATHER FROM DEBT

Hindoo Girl Dresses in Best Raiment and Fires Home to Prevent Father's Paying Big Dowry.

Calcutta, India—Snehalata, the 16-year-old daughter of Babu Harendra Mukherjee, a broker of this city, burnt herself to death to save her father the payment of an excessive marriage portion to her bridegroom.

Babu Harendra having asked a young undergraduate of the university in marriage for his daughter, the youth's father asked a price for him which for a time frustrated Harendra's hopes. After a second interview the sum was reduced to \$5,000, two-thirds of which was to be paid in cash and the remainder in jewelry. Harendra decided to raise the money by a mortgage on his house.

Snehalata, who was a girl of exceptional beauty, thereupon resolved to sacrifice her life to preserve the fortune of her parents, and on the day before the transaction was to be closed she dressed in her best clothes, and, climbing on the roof of the house, drenched her clothes with oil and set them on fire.

A Brahmin who happened to pass saw her and raised an alarm. The flames were put out and with great difficulty, and Snehalata, still smiling, though enduring terrible agony, was conveyed to the medical college hospital. She died later in the evening.

## CURE FOR SPINAL PARALYSIS

French Academy of Medicine Receives an Important Statement.

Paris—Prof. Nette made an important statement on Tuesday at the Academy of Medicine regarding a new cure for spinal paralysis. The cure which M. Nette has pursued since 1910, consists of injections of serum collected from the spinal marrow of sufferers of a similar disease. Apparently the microbes coming from the first sufferer kill those inhabiting the second. M. Nette illustrated his theory by the case of a man aged 34 who was reduced in six months to utter helplessness by paralysis and was cured entirely after a few weeks' treatment with injections.

## HALF-STARVED BOY AS GHOST

Child in "Haunted Tenement" Frightens Superstitious Folk

Pawtucket, R. I.—Ghost stories woven about mysterious noises heard were dispelled when it became known that Fomelic Yankiewicz, a 4-year-old boy, who had been missing two days, had been found in the apartment in a half-starved condition.

## THE FEMALE RAFFLES.

Woman Jewel Thief a Dreaded Criminal—Tricks of the Trade.

"Betwixt the stupidity and forgetfulness of the women who own jewels and the cunning of the thieves who try to steal them the Police Department has a pretty hard time," said a clever detective recently. "Women forget where they put their jewels, and I have known them to hide them where no self-respecting thief ever would think of looking for them. No small percentage of the reported jewel robberies simply resolve themselves into a plain case of forgetfulness on the part of the owner, who has stowed the gems away in some outlandish nook or cranny and allowed the occurrence to slip her mind. Then the Detective Bureau is torn upside down in the effort to find them. I am afraid you would doubt my well-established reputation for veracity, if I were to tell you the queer places where we have found jewels supposed to have been stolen."

"But the thieves, after all, are the ones that exercise the cunning. And let me say right here that I think the cleverest criminal in the world is the American woman jewelry thief. In the first place the foreigners can't stand the 'gaff.' They give up and squeal or confess. Your American female thief keeps her nerve. Moreover, she has daring to carry out a plan, and the schemes she devises will keep any detective chief awake o' nights. American men are clever enough, goodness knows, but they are not in it with the women. These women are up on every detail of their crimes. They even know the law. They can tell what sentences they will get if they are convicted. They can try their own cases as well as their attorney's."

"I suppose you have heard of Annie Gleason. She was one of the cleverest thieves that ever made away with jewelry. She is doing time now out West, but when she was dressed up she was as fine a looking woman as you will see anywhere. She had a long criminal record in this country, but her cleverest job was pulled off in England."

"She went into one of the large jewelry shops of London one day and asked to see some pearl necklaces. As she was a handsome woman and elegantly dressed, the salesman trotted out his best. He was still further impressed when his prepossessing prospective customer stated that she was the daughter of a wealthy American mine owner and was stopping at the time at the town house of one of the nobility. She looked over the collection and finally picked out a necklace that was valued at \$100,000. She said she would not take it with her that day, but would decide either on that or another rope of pearls she had admired."

"Annie came back in a few days, and she was ready for business. So skilled was her eye that she had been able to give orders for almost exact duplication of the necklace she had said she wanted to buy. The salesman again brought forth his treasures. He had to show a few more this time, and while he had three or four necklaces spread on the showcase Annie distracted his attention, quickly substituted an imitation necklace for the real one and stuck the genuine one into a lump of wax she had quietly placed on the under side of the showcase. The salesman had not noticed what she had done. The duplication was so nearly perfect that he detected nothing wrong about the bogus article."

"Of course, Annie gradually lost interest in that necklace. However, she told the salesman to send another one that she admired around to the address she gave, but she was not there when it arrived. Meantime her confederate, a bank thief, now doing time for a crime committed in Baltimore, proceeded to finish the job. He entered the shop, slipped his hand under the showcase and raked off the necklace, wax and all. The strange part of it all is that the London jewelers never discovered the theft until months afterward, and the necklace was around Annie's neck when she was arrested for another crime out there in Chicago."—St. Louis Republic.

## The Other One.

A story is told of a police magistrate in Cincinnati who, having an extraordinary amount of business one morning, was disposing of his cases at the rate of some two or three a minute, with great exactness and dignity, being, as is usual in police courts, judge, jury and lawyer all in one.

To one rather refractory witness his Honor said, "I am to understand that you readily recognize this handkerchief as the one taken from you?"

"Yes, Your Honor."

"How do you know it is yours?"

peremptorily demanded his Honor.

"I recognize it at once because of its peculiar design."

"You must be aware, sir," declared the magistrate, oracularly, as he drew a similar handkerchief from his own pocket, "that there are others like it."

"True enough," was the unexpected reply, "had two stolen!" —Harper's Weekly.

A sample of British War Office brain was furnished by a recent order that all hore rugs at the Cape of Good Hope were to be given into store in August. Of course, August at the Cape is equivalent to December in England.

The people who don't go to church can't expect to keep up with the gossip of the neighborhood.

## MACON BABE, 100 PERCENT PERFECT, IN RARE CLASS; 2 OTHERS LIKE HIM IN U. S.



James Davis McLucas.

In a very small and select class travels Master James Davis McLucas, who is eight months old and whose home is at Macon, Ga. In a recent baby contest he was found to be without a flaw—one of the three perfect babies in the United States. From the beginning he was bottle fed, condensed milk being used, his dinner hour arriving every two hours. At the present time he weighs 22 pounds and is 28 inches tall. His father is an electrician.

## RISE OF GENERAL BLANQUET TO POWER HAS BEEN THROUGH BLOOD

Mexico City. — (Special) — Despite rumors to the contrary, Gen. Aureliano Blanquet still remains loyal to Dictator Huerta. Since the overthrow of Madero he has been Huerta's right hand man and one of his ablest counselors.

The story of Blanquet's life reads much the same as the biographies of many other men who have risen to power in Mexico. His record begins with his being thrown into the army as a penalty for alleged disorderly conduct. Knowing how to read and write, the young soldier was made a sergeant, and in that position he claims to have formed part of the firing squad that executed Maximilian of Hapsburg. Very little is known of Blanquet until 1910, when in the campaign in the north against the Madero forces he made a reputation for wholesale murder of non-combatants.

Blanquet's name is linked inseparably with the slaughter at Matamoros, in the State of Puebla. The Maderistas rebels had taken the town and passed on before Blanquet's federal forces arrived. Occupying the place without opposition, Blanquet ordered the Jefe Politico to point out the residence of all rebel sympathizers. The male occupants of these houses, irrespective of age, were arrested at Blanquet's order, and in this sixty-four inhabitants of the little town were lined up and shot. Blanquet's official report described "the capture of Matamoros after severe fighting in which the enemy lost sixty-four."

Under Provisional President de la Barra, Col. Blanquet was promoted, with other Federal commanders, to the rank of a junior general and given

## HE LEADS THE BEST TROOPS IN MEXICO



General Blanquet.

a large command of troops, but was relieved from field duty by Madero after a year because of his brutality, and Blanquet, like Huerta, who also had been demoted by Madero, became a malcontent. When the conspiracy to overthrow Madero ripened, Blanquet threw in his lot with Felix Diaz and Huerta.

## TEN ROUND FIGHT

Much interest is centered in the coming boxing exhibition in Toledo on Thursday, June 15th. The star event will be the 10 round battle between Glenn Cookley, the 160 pound Indiana thunderbolt and Tommy Gavigan, of Cleveland, also 160 weight. Those who delight in an evenly matched fighting team will find what they are looking for in this match. A second event of the program will be the 8 round exhibition between Young Holzhauser, the Ft. Wayne exponent, and Mike Hart, of Indianapolis fame. Both the boxers are listed in 142 weight. The Royal Sport Club, of Toledo, are directing these matches and for the purpose have been fortunate in securing the Valentine theater, Toledo's beautiful playhouse, in which to stage the matches. The theater has a splendid cooling system offering a restful and comfortable auditorium.

Bob Bronson, of Toledo, will act as referee in the two preliminaries of four rounds each and the main bout will be supervised by Walter Kelly, of Cleveland.

Tickets for the match can be procured at the Spitzer cigar store, Star Hardware Co., or the Royal Hotel.

## FIND FORTUNE HIDDEN IN SHOE BOX IN ATTIC

Search in Dead Woman's Home Reveals Papers Which Were Not Known to Exist.

Mt. Vernon, Ohio—In going through the home of Mrs. Margaret Ridenour, who died recently, appraisers of her personal property found an old shoe box in the attic containing \$50,000 in certificates of deposit, mortgage notes and other valuable papers. Mrs. Ridenour owned 700 acres of real estate, but the finding of the papers was a surprise. The estate is now worth \$125,000.

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